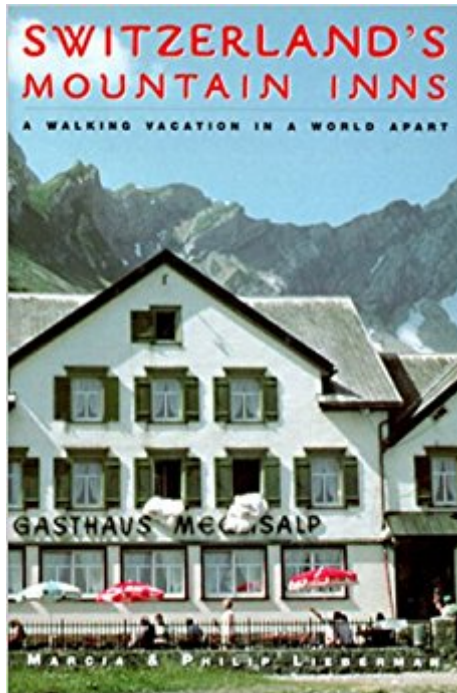




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Switzerland's Mountain Inns: A Walking Vacation In A World Apart



Synopsis

A definitive guide to the mountain inns of Switzerland—à la "Berghotels": how to reach them, what to expect, what to bring, and day hikes in detail for each of the 66 Berghotels described, in every region of the country. This is the first book in English about these unusual lodgings. The mountain inns of Switzerland—à la "Berghotels"—are in a world apart. Largely undiscovered, unadvertised, and privately owned, they are ideal for the traveler who wishes to experience the Swiss Alps off the beaten track. In themselves, they provide a sense of adventure; every one is unique, informal, intimate. They are a perfect way to meet other hikers and locals. This book identifies the most charming Berghotels, tells you how to reach them, what to expect, and what to bring. Day hikes from each inn are described in detail, along with information on how to connect one to another to make an extended "Grand Traverse" holiday. Maps give an overview of each region of the country to make trip planning and inn-to-inn hiking easy. The book is gorgeously illustrated by Philip Lieberman's photographs.

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Customer Reviews

Marcia Lieberman is the author of *Switzerland's Mountain Inns*; *Walking Switzerland*; *The Outdoor Traveler's Guide: The Alps*; *Walking the Alpine Peaks of France and Northwest Italy*; and numerous articles for the *New York Times* on trekking in the Alps and Himalayas. Philip Lieberman is University Professor of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences at Brown University. He has written many books on the brain, evolution, and speech, and his photos are exhibited around the world.

This book describes inns that you do not find on line or in the usual search engines. We stayed at two of them in Sept 2008 and felt very happy to have "discovered" both.

I'm a compulsive trip planner, and our recent trip to the Alps sent me into trip-planning overdrive. This book was my favorite resource for finding out-of-the-way lodging in the mountains of Switzerland. From the descriptions of the Hotels themselves, to the guides to Switzerland's various regions, to the suggested hiking trails, we found Marcia Lieberman's advice to be impeccable. Our favorite was the Hotel Waldrand Pochtenalp, a place so far from the beaten path that we never would have found it without the help of this excellent guide!

This is a must read book for all those who dreams of taking a walking tour in the Swiss Alps. If you are naive like myself you might be facing trecherous vacation as I call it. This book vividly explains what you will expect in the mountain Huts. You may end up sleeping with cows or going out in cold for a bathroom shed in the dark. I am happy that I read this book and rather hiking high I decided to walk downstairs. Authors have certainly very good experiences with the mountains, they know the people there and book explains life in the Huts and type of terrain you might expect and weather conditions. It is not certainly the hills of Vermont, it sounds like it is serious bussiness like climbing Mt. Everest or may be I got scared out of proportion, either way it is a must read for every novice wanderer before you get on the plain.

This is a nice book that wants to educate the reader on the charm of the rural Swiss bed and breakfast like Berghotels. I love the introductory information, however, the maps are not quite clear. What made me most unhappy with the book is the publication date. It's over 10 years old, and for a travel book, that is ancient. If I had paid more attention to the publication date, instead of the reviews, I would have passed on this book.

The Swiss Alps are a beautiful place to wander, saunter, walk or run. Planning your steps, knowing there is a wonderful inn waiting at the end of the road makes the journey even sweeter.

This is a must-have book for planning any kind of trip to Switzerland. Even if you are just vacationing in one city, it gives you descriptions of short hikes you could do. My husband and I hiked for 6 days going from berghotel to berghotel with a few train and lift rides in between. The information was accurate for all modes of transportation. This book gives you phone numbers to

make reservations in advance and very good recommendations for restaurants too. Some of the places we stayed were authentically Swiss with only visiting European tourists. We didn't see many Americans and it made it fun to mix with everyone from different countries. I wish every hiking book was this concise for planning a perfect hiking trip.

This book introduced us to a new way of experiencing Switzerland, the Alps, and the great outdoors. Staying at a Berghotel is truly civilized hiking! Spectacular views, challenging hikes, and an evening ended with a cold beer overlooking the terrain you have just climbed. The hikes, hotels, accommodations are all clearly described. The food, at the hotel we stayed was excellent, family style. We're returning this year for a longer hike to a series of huts/hotels. Highly recommend this book for planning a trip to the Swiss Alps.

As of June 2006, this was the only book I could find with the information I needed to plan a trip through the Bernese Oberland section of the Swiss Alps. Even the internet proved less helpful than this cohesive, complete guide to hikes and accommodations in a fairly remote area. The book helped me plan a wonderful, memorable trip. My only wish is that the maps were drawn to scale.

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